orders issued under this Act. The Government has already notified the pay scales of journalists & non-journalists employees for implementation, in the Gazette. A notice has also been issued suggesting modifications in the recommendations pertaining to HRA & CCA as required under the Act.

(c) Provisions for penalty are contained in Section 18 of the Working Journalistg (Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955-The appropriate Government are empowered to take action accordingly.

(d) The State Governments are the. appropriate governments to inforce the implementation of the recommendations as notified by the Government. The Central Government have advised State Governments to set up appropriate machinery to oversee and monitor the implementation of the recommendations.

Statement

Summary of the Recommendations

1. Classification of Newspaper Es tablishments and News agencies for the purpose of fixation of rates of wages in respect of Working Journa lists and non-Journalists of News paper and News agency employees.

2. Grouping of Working Journalists and Non-Journalist Employees in newspaper establishments and news agencies into various categories for the purpose of fixation of rates of wages.

3. Recommendations on wages, scales and grades payable to newspaper and news agency employees of different groups in different classes of newspaper establishments and news agencies.

4. Recommendations on dearness allowance on the basis of rate of neutralisation of employees drawing upto Rs. 1,250/- would be 100 per cent. This would be reduced to 75 per cent for employees drawing between Rs. 1,251/- and Rs. 2,000/- to 60 per cent for employees drawing between Rs. 2,001/- and Rs. 3,500/-to 45 per cent for those drawing between Rs- 3,501/- and Rs. 5,000/- and to 35 per cent for those drawing Rs. 5,001/- and above.

5. Payment of house Rent Allowance, city Compensatory Allowance and Night Shift Allowance.

6. Fitment rules for the purpose of pay fixation in the new scales of pay.

7. Date of operation with regard to revised scales of pay shall be operative from 1.1.1988. Recommendations with regard to DA shall be operative for Classes IA to V from 1.4.1988 and for Classes VI to IX from 1.4.1989. The rest of recommendations shall come into force from the date of the order of the Central Government under Section 12 giving effect to the recommendations.

8. Recommendations regarding payment of arrears.

Enactment of Legislation on Panchayati Raj

48. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the reintroduction of the Bill on Panchayati Raj in Parliament; if so, what will be the salient Seatures as distinct from the earlier Bill;

(b) whether the Centre-State relations and the subject within the per-view of Consitution would be reexamined before introducing the Bill; if so, what are the parameters for deciding these; and

(c) whether Government are committed to repose powers to the peop? at the grassroot level?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) A

Cabinet Committee has been constituted on Panchayati Raj to look into the various issues relating to Panchayati Raj;

(b) All Constitutional aspects will be, considered before any Bill is introduced;

(c) Government is committed *to* strengthen the Panchayati Raj system in the country.

Reintroduotion of Nagar Palika Bill

49. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to re-introduce the Nagar Palika Bill in Parliament, if so, what are the salient features of the Bill distinct from the earlier one;

(b) whether Government are committed to give power to the people by giving Constitutional status to the Nagar Palikas; and

(c) whether the Central-State relations in respect of financial devolution would be looked into afresh and Central and State subjects would be further divided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN); (a) to (c) Government is committed to devolve adequate financial and administrative powers to States to enable them to discharge their responsibilities to the people and is also committed *to* promote a genuine devolution of powers, functions and resources to Local bodies, within the federal structure of the Constitution, enabling fullest participation of the people in the developmental process, through appropriate administrative, financial and legislative measures.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

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n. Report and Accounts (for 12th October 1987 to 31st March, 1988) of the National Dairy Development Board, Anand, Gujarat and related Papers.

HI. Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department cf Agriculture and Cooperation)

उप-प्रधानमंत्री और कृषि मंत्री (श्री देवी लाल) : श्रीमन् मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूं :–

I (1) कम्पनी अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 619क की उपधारा (1) के अधीन निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) :–

(i) (क) 1979–80 के वर्ष के लिए जम्मू एण्ड काश्मीर स्टेट एग्रो इन्डस्ट्रीज डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड, श्रीनगर का दसवां वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन और लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखापरीक्षकों के प्रतिवेदन और उस पर भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक की टिप्पणियों सहित।

(ख) कारपोरेशन के कार्यकरण की सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा।

[पुस्तकालय में रखी गयी **देखिये** स० एल० टी० 70/89]

(ii) (क) 1979–80 के वर्ष के लिए असम एग्रो इन्डस्ट्रीज डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड गुवाहाटी का तेरहवां प्रतिवेदन और लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखा परीक्षकों के प्रतिवेदन और उस पर भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक की टिप्पणियों सहित।